

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities
Minutes of June 13, 2006

Members in Attendance

Keith Willette

Jerry Berrier

Barbara Smith

Michael Hale, Asst. Town Manager (for Dan Morgado)

Excused Members

Moirra Miller

Loretta Henry

Town Liason Report

Michael Hale stated the Shell Station on Maple Avenue had an issue with the designated handicapped parking space not being accessible, partly due to an inappropriate pitch at the curb. The store owner has been cooperative and have re-designated a handicapped parking space near the building.

Also, Mr. Hale stated he received a request from a resident for the installation of a curb cut on Wesleyan Street by the Beal School for wheelchair access to avoid driving on the street. Mr. Hale has made the request to the Highway Superintendent and the work will be done after July 1, 2006 when funding will be available.

Mr. Hale also received a follow-up letter by an attorney from the Legal Assistance Office in Worcester with a request for the Town of Shrewsbury ADA Plan from 2001. He stated the Town Manager's office will respond and offer to have the Legal Assistance Office to come to Shrewsbury for a visit. He also stated the automated doors in Town Hall have been installed and are now waiting for the wiring to be done.

Bills

None

Member Discussion

Keith Willette started a discussion about a Disability Forum the

Commission is planning on for Fall of 2006. Topics which were discussed to be included in the Forum were: inclusion, community access, education, recreation, support services available and advocacy among other topics to be planned at future meetings. Mr. Willette discussed having professionals/experts in each of these areas do a presentation (approx 5 minutes) as an informational forum for residents. Target audience would be friends and families of people with disabilities.

Jerry Berrier inquired about the status of the Disability Awareness video. Mr. Willette is in the process of obtaining a copy from SPAC for distribution.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 7:00 pm in Meeting Room A at Town Hall.

Keith Willette motioned to adjourn at 7:00 pm and Keith Willette seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted by
Barbara Smith